

# UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL



GENERAL

T/PET.7/267  
28 August 1951

ENGLISH  
ORIGINAL: FRENCH

---

## PETITION FROM MR. AUGUSTINO DE SOUZA CONCERNING TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 85 and supplementary rule F of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship Council and to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 27 August 1951 from Mr. Augustino de Souza concerning the Trust Territory of Togoland under French Administration.

T/PET.7/267

Page 2

DATE SENT 27 August 1951

DATE RECEIVED: 27 August 1951

TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK

FURTHER TO MY TELEGRAM OF 8 AND MY LETTER OF 17 JULY 1951 DEEPLY REGRET INFORM YOU THAT LOCAL ADMINISTRATION PURSUING ITS POLICY OF SUPPRESSING ANY AUTONOMIST AND NATIONALIST MOVEMENT ORDERED POLICE TO FIRE ON DEMONSTRATORS AT VILLAGE OF VOGAN IN THE CERCLE OF ANKORO KILLING TWO WOMEN AND SEVEN MEN ON THE SPOT AND WOUNDING SEVERAL OTHERS NOT BEING COERCED STOP REASON FOR THIS BRUTAL AND INHUMAN SUPPRESSION IS DISPUTE CONCERNING SUCCESSION TO OFFICE OF CHIEF WHICH HAS RECENTLY BECOME VACANT OWING TO DEATH OF CHIEF KALIFE STOP LARGE MAJORITY OF VILLAGE DEMAND IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR CUSTOM APPOINTMENT OF AN ADVISOR OF DECEASED CHIEF AS REGENT DURING FUNERAL PERIOD WHEREAS ADMINISTRATION SUPPORTS ITS OWN CANDIDATE AS IMMEDIATE SUCCESSOR STOP AS SITUATION VERY SERIOUS AND SIMILAR CASES AT ISSUE IN OTHER CERCLES BEG YOU TO DRAW ATTENTION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY IMMEDIATELY TO THE MATTER SO THAT IT MAY ORDER AN INQUIRY TO ESTABLISH RESPONSIBILITY STOP WITH THANKS RESPECTFULLY

AUGUSTINO DE SOUZA